# Soledad Mountain Road / Desert View Drive



#### Alex Ruiz - Fwd: 16" Main Shutdown Soledad Mt. Rd. -

From:

David Jarrell

To:

Jamie Fox Rice: Steve McNally

Date:

6/18/2007 3:32 PM

Subject: Fwd: 16" Main Shutdown Soledad Mt. Rd. -

CC:

Alex Ruiz; Bill Harris; Jeff Gattas; Richard Haas

Water service was restored at approximately 2:00 p.m.

>>> David Jarrell 6/18/2007 12:19:02 PM >>>

Steve and Jamie,

Below is notification of a 16" main shutdown affecting 46 services in La Jolla. We will provide an update, including the estimated time of service restoration, as soon as it is available.

Regards, Dave

>>> Johnny Mitchell 6/18/2007 11:35 AM >>>

We are reporting the following water main emergency shutdown:

**Event/Facility:** 

16" AC Water Main Shutdown

Location:

6062 Soledad Mt. Rd.

Theom Bros /Council:

1247 J-2 / Council District 2 (La Jolla)

Reported Date/Time:

6/18/07 11:08 AM

**Shrutdown Date/Time:** 

6/18/07 Crew has requested regulator crews for assistance with shutdown

Impoact:

46 Services 5900-6200 Soledad Mt. Rd.

Significant Elements:

Water Ops. crews pulled existing water service from the main. Minor street

damage, no media, no environmental issues

Temp Water Source:

N/A

Status:

Crew on site making repairs

Est Service Restoration:

Unknown at this time. Updates will be provided.

Service Request #:

2994556

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### Patti Boekamp - Fwd: 5700 Block of Soledad Mt. Road - Concerns of Citizens

From:

Jim Barrett

To:

Ruiz, Alex

Date:

7/19/2007 10:27:58 AM

Subject:

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CC:

Boekamp, Patti; Bruce, Janet; Haas, Richard; Jarrell, David

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From:

Jim Fisher

To: Date: RuizA@sandiego.gov Fri, Jul 20, 2007 7:06 PM

Subject:

RE: Fwd: Re: Soledad Mtn Road

Alex, That is the location of the break last night. Lets talk on Monday to determine how we want to look further into this. Jim

----Original Message----

From: "Alex Ruiz" RuizA@sandiego.gov

To: JFisher@sandiego.gov Sent: 7/20/07 5:10 PM

Subject: Fwd: Re: Soledad Mtn Road

Jim (F):

This is a ways south from our Caminito Avola location... Did we have a main break at Mr. Crab's location....??

Alex

(619) 533-6692 Assistant Director Water Department

>>> Richard Haas 7/19/2007 11:26 AM >>>

Hi Thyme,

Jim Barrett, the Director of the Water Department, is researching this problem and is planning to call Mr. Crab back.

Jim or Alex Ruiz (Assistant Director) will send you an e-mail and let you know the summary of their discussions.

Rich

>>> Thyme Curtis 7/19/2007 10:34 AM >>> Hi Rich,

A constituent named Tom Crab (619.997.4359, 5703 Soledad Mtn Road) just called and is very concerned about Soledad Mtn Road, specifically in front of 5715 Soledad Mtn Road. He said that the street has been sinking and cracking for the past few months, and back in March 2007 he reported a crack in the street that was subsequently patched. Last night a pipe cracked and is currently being fixed by city crews, but Mr. Crab believes something more is going on underneath the street, that it is sinking or moving. He's hoping a geologist or engineer can take a look before something major happens.

Thanks,

Thyme

Thyme Curtis
Council Representative
Councilmember Kevin Faulconer, Second District
(619) 236-7351 (phone)
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From:

Patti Boekamp

To: Date: Hossein Ruhi 7/23/2007 6:21:28 PM

Subject:

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I think Rob should go take a look at the area....what do you think?

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From:

Patti Boekamp

To:

Rob Hawk

Date:

7/24/2007 7:58:01 AM

Subject:

Re: Fwd: 5700 Block of Soledad Mt. Road - Concerns of Citizens

no - just try the 5700 block....the constituents' number is with the bottom message. I'm not sure if Jim Barrett tried calling him yet as the message said he wanted to talk to Alex first about what the crews did and what they might have noted.

#### Patti

>>> Rob Hawk 7/24/2007 7:52 AM >>>

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Barrett, Jim; Ruiz, Alex

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7/24/2007 8:32 AM

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CC:

Boekamp, Patti; Hawk, Rob; Qsar, George; Ruhi, Hossein

Jim/Alex - The customer had not given an address when I initially spoke to him. I called Customer Service and there is an account with that last name at 5703 Soledad Mountain Road. I called Rob Hawk and provided this information to him.

Janet

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7/24/2007 1:09:29 PM

Subject:

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speaking of that....been meaning to suggest that we ensure he has someone under him in an appropriate classification to be training to take his place someday....this is a fairly critical assessment position that we need to ensure continuity of over time.....

#### Patti

>>> Hossein Ruhi 7/24/2007 12:50:03 PM >>> Thanks Rob, great job.

#### >>> Rob Hawk 07/24/2007 12:34:26 PM >>>

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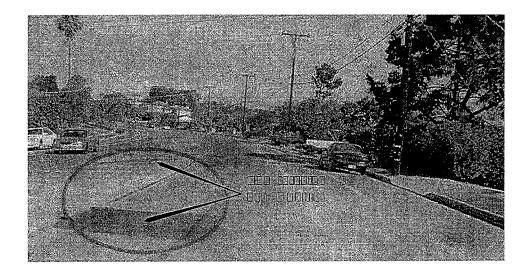
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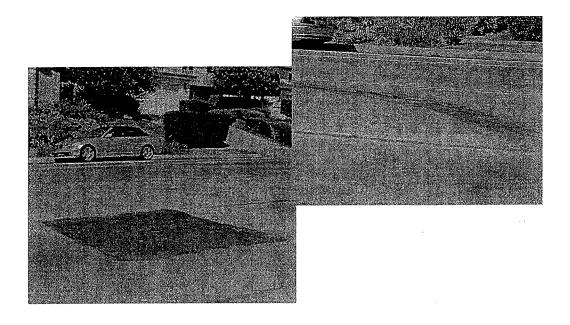
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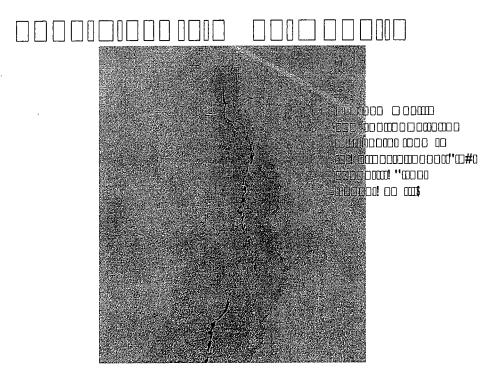
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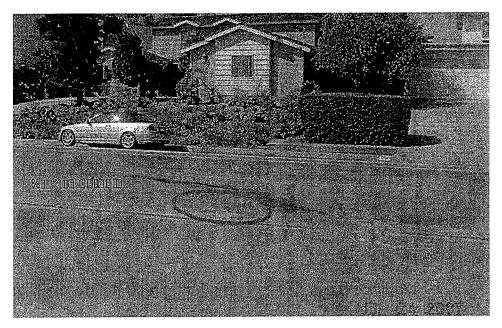








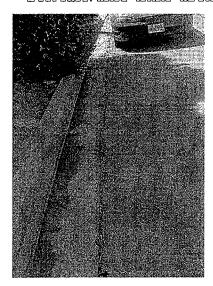




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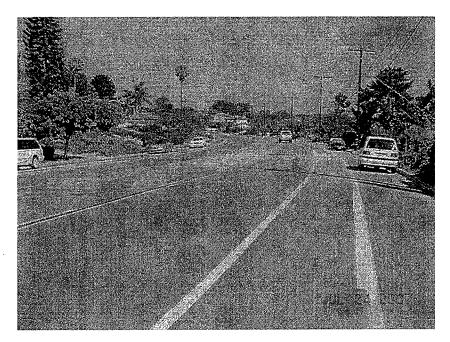
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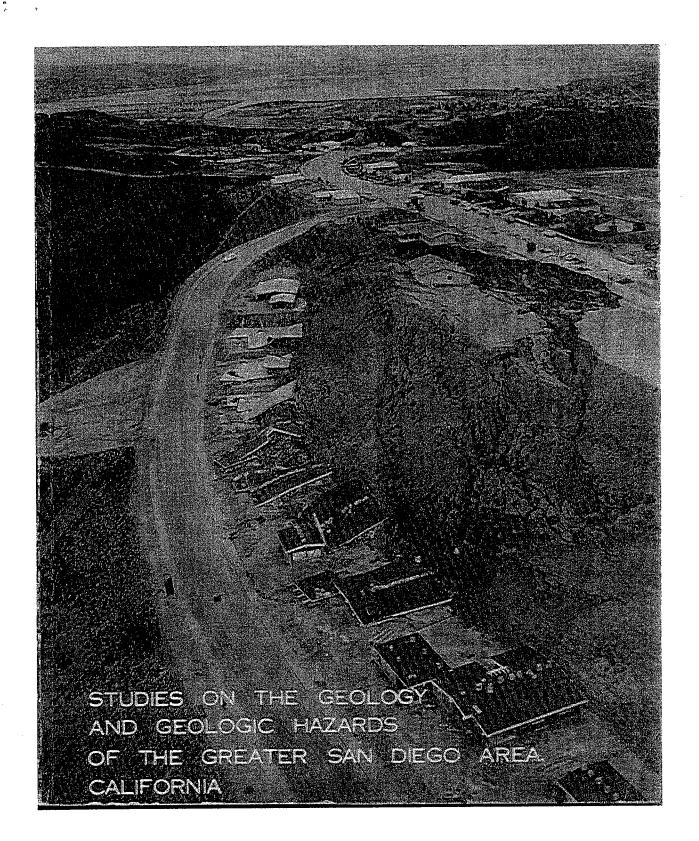












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**To:** Christopher Toth

**Date:** 7/25/2007 3:53 PM

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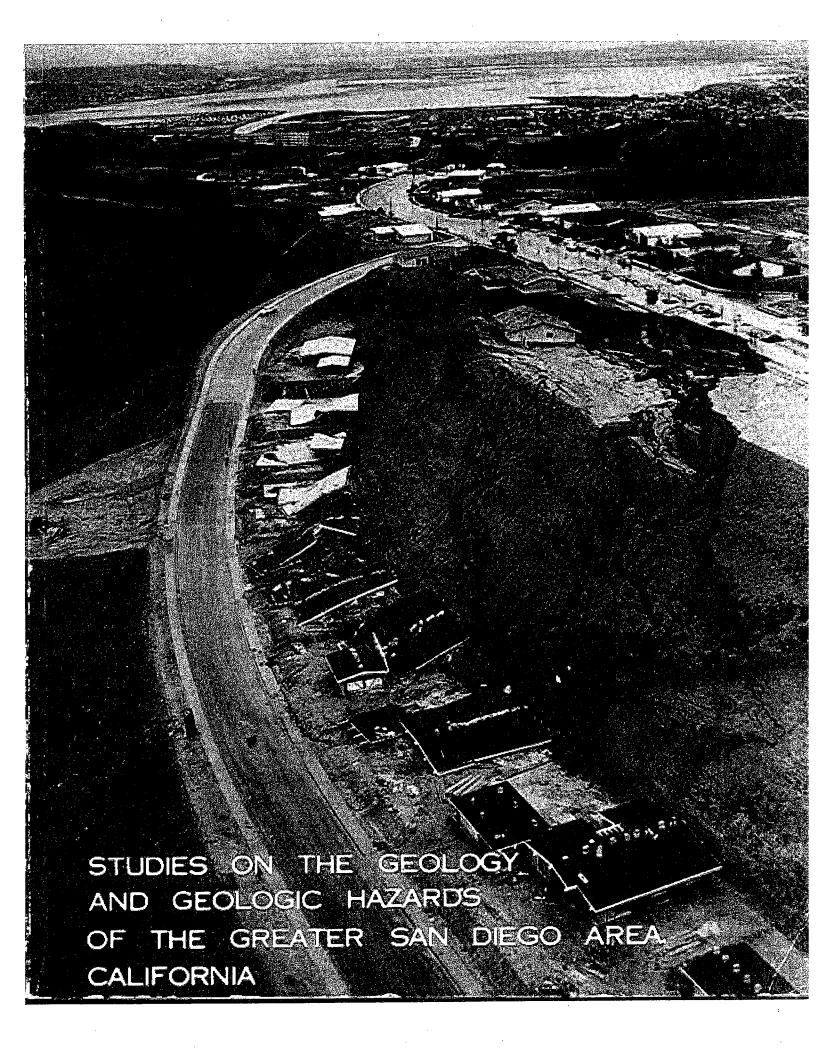
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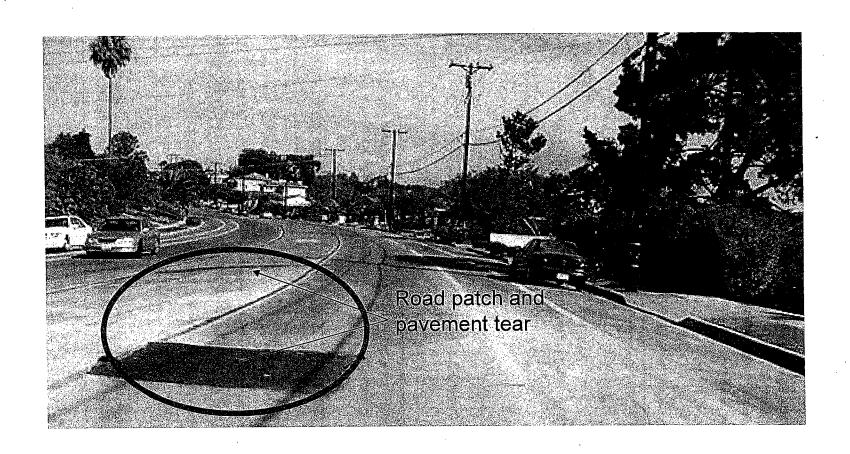
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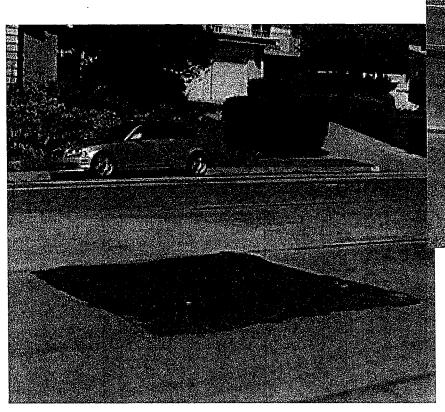
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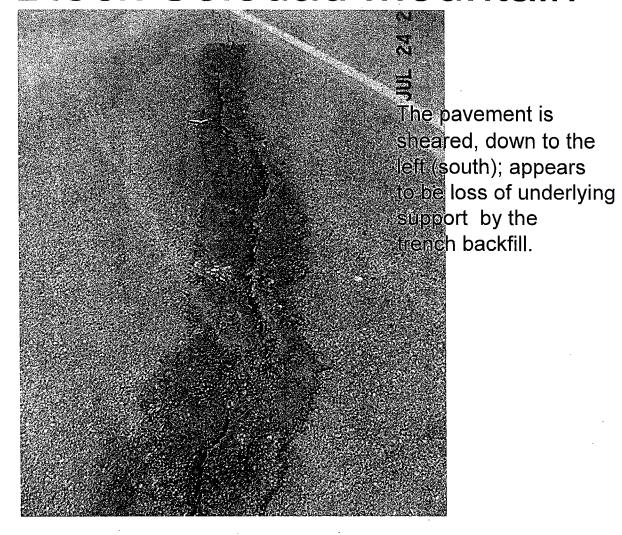


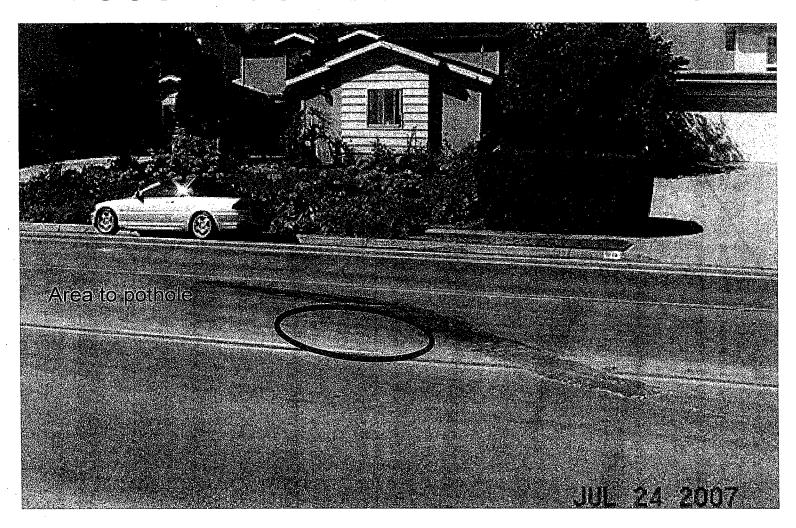








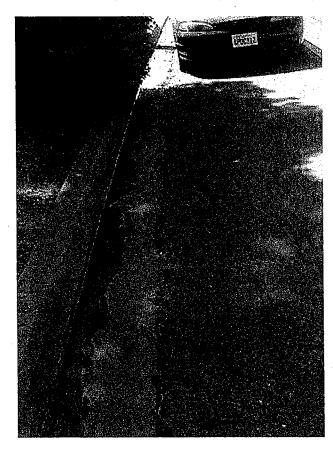


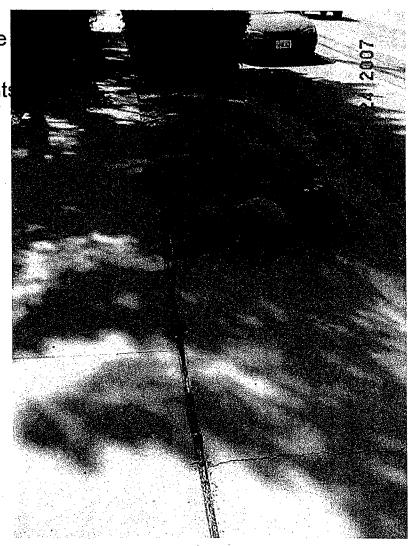


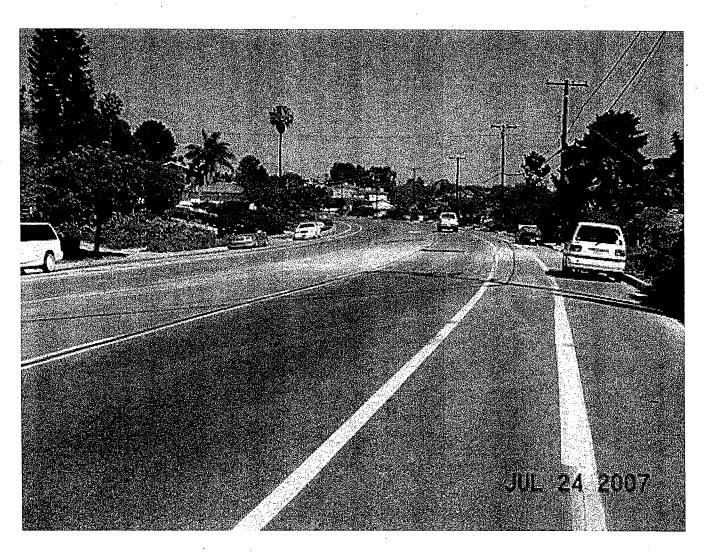
Minor pavement cracking



No discernable evidence for large scale gross movement (landslide), or movement of public and private improvements







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Rob Hawk

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Subject:

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I was 2 when that happened (the big one)...so it is the other piece I remember from my early days with the City (sheesh - it's been almost 18 years now....)

#### >>> Rob Hawk 7/24/2007 3:21:40 PM >>>

In the early '90's, there was a huge litigation where the City paid over 1,000,000 in litigation costs, and we stabilized the road for another 600K with caissons, and replaced the sewer. That failure only involved 5 houses, but was not spectacular as it quit moving once the street was repaired.

The City ended up with one house that we were going to tear down, but which became the "La Jolla Rat House" of the mayoral campaign that was recently demolished last year by REA & ECP (5635 Desert View). I worked on the building permit that started the failure in 1990, 6 months after I began working for the City.

I figured the 1960 failure predated you. You personally, not just your career.

#### Roh

>>> Patti Boekamp 7/24/07 3:07 PM >>>

since I remember talk about Desert View Drive, I think some kind of work on the utilities or the street went on in the late 80's or early 90's but it's a dim memory of a name I know enough to ask questions about :-)

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From:

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To:

Lois Bennett

Date:

7/24/2007 2:53 PM

Subject:

Main Break

CC:

Stan Medina; Susan Wynne

Lois, I heard from Stan that the break on Soledad Mtn Rd on 7/18 was actually a blown service. Can you please research and have the records changed if necessary. Thanks Jim

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From:

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To:

Alex Ruiz; Jim Barrett 7/24/2007 3:05 PM

Date: Subject:

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To:

Alex Ruiz; Jim Barrett 7/24/2007 3:42:21 PM

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Patti Boekamp Hossein Ruhi

To: Date:

7/24/2007 3:45:18 PM

Subject:

Re: Fwd: 5700 Block of Soledad Mt. Road - Concerns of Citizens

Are you expecting Water or Metro to do/order the potholing? Do we need to be specific with them?

Patti Boekamp

To:

Rob Hawk

Date:

7/24/2007 3:07:28 PM

Subject:

Re: Fwd: 5700 Block of Soledad Mt. Road - Concerns of Citizens

since I remember talk about Desert View Drive, I think some kind of work on the utilities or the street went on in the late 80's or early 90's but it's a dim memory of a name I know enough to ask questions about :-)

### Patti

>>> Rob Hawk 7/24/2007 12:34:26 PM >>>

Hossein, Jim, & Patti: I visited the site this morning. After examining the repair and the pavement crack, as well as surrounding improvments, I concluded that there was no discernable evidence for a major landslide. It is still possible that some large-scale movement has taken place, but I would expect to see more movement reflected in the street, curb, gutter and sidewalk, as well as utility lines. Except for the asphalt patch and tear in the paving, the street only exhibited only typical minor cracking in the pavement which was likely from shrinkage. No evidence of movement was observed in the curb, gutter & sidewalk.

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If you have any questions, please contact me.

#### Rob Hawk

PS: I have also attached two photos from the historic 1960 landslide that occurred between the 5600 blocks of Soledad Mountain and Desert View Drive during construction of the subdivision, as an FYI since you may not remember it;). The photos were taken from the north looking south; Soledad Mtn. Road is on the right. The house in the photo that perches on the edge of the slide was rehabilitated and currently exists. The remaining homes were destroyed and the subdivision completely regraded to create a bench which is currently the "even" side of Desert View Drive.

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>>> Hossein Ruhi 7/24/07 6:07 AM >>> Are aware of this situation ? lets talk . we should visit the site

>>> Patti Boekamp 07/23/2007 3:59 PM >>>

We have Rob Hawk, a Senior Geologist - he may have even been here when Desert View had to be pinned back to the hillside....! was out late last week, so perhaps you already got someone to have Rob go take a look.

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7/25/2007 12:43 PM

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CC:

Stan Medina

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Wed, Jul 25, 2007 2:05 PM

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I'm presuming you or Metro will check out the problem deeper - I had Rob go to see if we needed to look at larger scale land movement in that historically problematic area. It seems like he has handled the constituent's questions and concerns for now, but he does recommend more investigative work related to the trench issues.

Patti

Melody Shaw-Sydnor

To:

**Christopher Toth** 

Date:

Fri, Jul 27, 2007 8:51 AM

Subject:

Re: Fwd: 5700 Block of Soledad Mt. Road - Concerns of Citizens

Chris, .

Robert Parker televised the mains yesterday. No major problem were found . I will refer a couple of mains to be cleaned for city protection. Thanks. Melody

## >>> Christopher Toth 7/25/2007 4:07 PM >>>

Melody, please work to televise the sewer main in this location on Soledad Mt Road. We will forward the results of our cctv investigation to E&CP engineering staff so they can further investigate the road/soil issues after we determine if our sewer pipe is in good condition. thanks, Chris

CC:

Kevin Gensler; Mike Bedard

Rob Hawk

To:

HRuhi@sandiego.gov Fri, Jul 27, 2007 9:52 AM

Date: Subject:

Re: Fwd: 5700 Block of Soledad Mt. Road - Concerns of Citizens (Vacation 7/26-7/30)

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>>> Hruhi 07/27/07 09:52 >>>

Thanks, this is a very good news.

>>> Christopher Toth 07/27/2007 9:07 AM >>>

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**From:** Christopher Toth

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**To:** Ferrier, Robert; Hawk, Rob; Navarro, Jose; Ruhi, Hossein **Date:** July 27, 2007 10:34 AM

Subject: Re: Fwd: 5700 Block of Soledad Mt. Road - Concerns of Citizens

from our discussion earlier this week, I understand that now Engr Field Division moves forward to test the street's underlying soil movement issues. Chris

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Fri, Jul 27, 2007 11:58 AM

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(Fred, George and Bill: Sometime this week, we plan on flying the area with a city geologist -- Rob Hawk. Let me know if you'd like to go on flight.)

CC:

**Gregory Donnelly**